



2000 EQUINE SURVEY

Equine Survey Scheduled for New York

The first major survey of the equine industry in 12 years is planned for New York this summer announced Steve Ropel, State Statistician for the New York Agricultural Statistics Service. The 2000 Equine Survey will update information on the number and value of animals by breed, use, location, type of operation and acreage used for equine. A sample of respondents will also be asked to report additional information on hired workers, capital investment, assets and expenses associated with equine ownership.

Accurate statistics on the scope of the industry and economic importance provide industry leaders, educators and government officials information to make decisions that affect equine owners and businesses across the state. Most of the information from the 2000 Equine Survey will be comparable to previous reports and will help measure changes that have occurred over the last 12 years.

Horse and other equine owners, stables, and other facilities will be surveyed during late summer and early fall. Anyone receiving a questionnaire is encouraged to complete the form and return it promptly. Whether a place has only one animal or many, all reports must be accounted for to insure reliable coverage of the industry throughout the state.

Results of the survey will be tabulated in late fall and a publication is planned for early 2001. This survey is supported by equine and farm organizations throughout New York. Primary funding comes from the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets.

For additional information visit the Ag Statistics website at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ny> and click the **2000 Equine Survey** button, call (800)821-1276 or send an e-mail to 'nass-ny@nass.usda.gov'.